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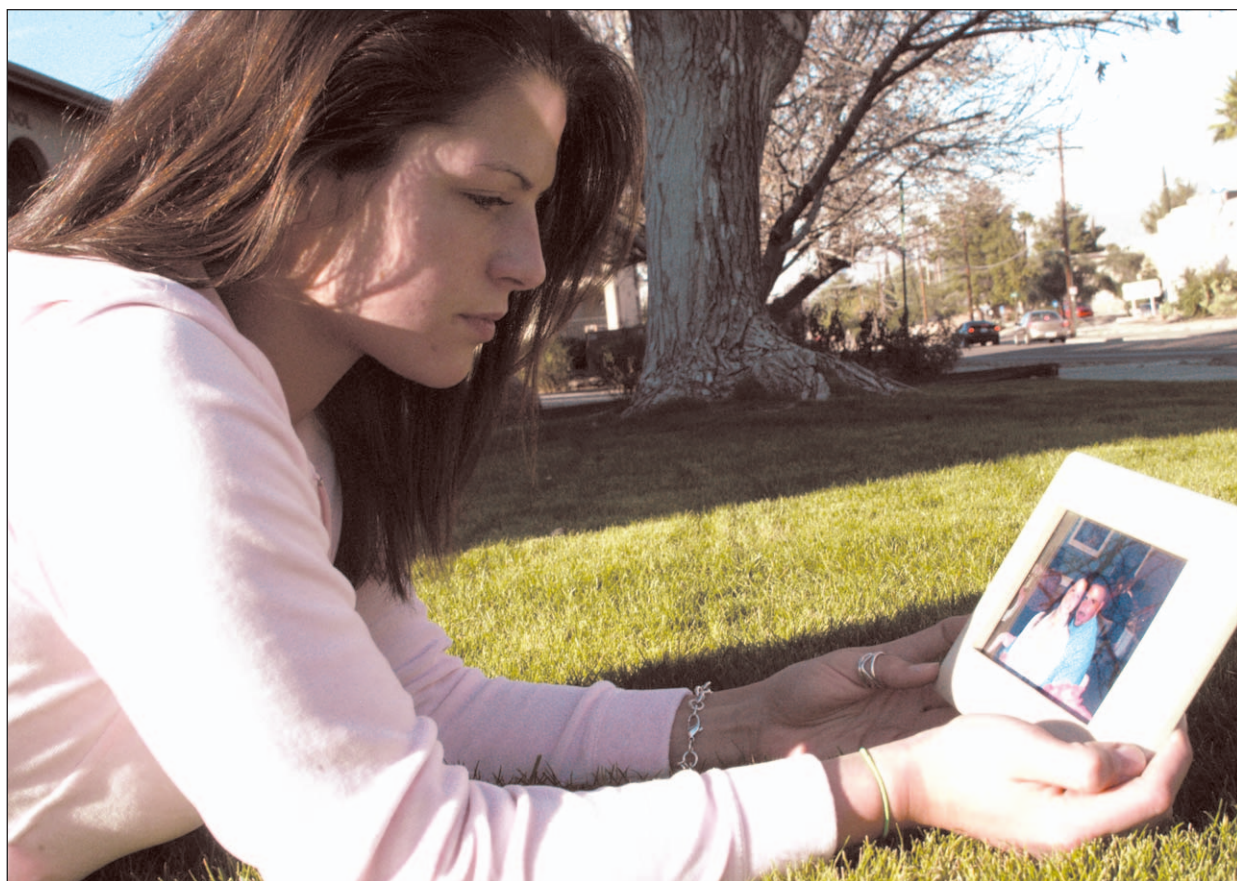
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UA students have lost that lovin' feeling



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Elementary education sophomore Kara Morrow, who is currently in a long-distance relationship, holds a photo of her boyfriend, who lives in Connecticut. According to survey data, only 36 percent of students are dating exclusively.

By Tessa Hill
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Spring might be the season of love, but for most UA students, it's just the second semester of the year.

In the busy life of UA students striving to graduate on time, there seems to be no room for a serious romantic relationship.

While pursuing a double major, interning, working, maintaining a social life and attending school full time, Danielle Demirjian, a business economics and finance senior, finds

exclusive dating too much of a commitment at this time in her life.

"Something in my life would have to be sacrificed if I wanted to maintain a serious relationship, and right now I'm not willing to do that," Demirjian said.

Like Demirjian, many other students refrain from exclusive dating.

More than half of UA students are casually dating or single, leaving 36 percent who are exclusively dating and 9 percent who are engaged or married, according to the Campus Health 2002 Health and Wellness Survey.

"Relationships take energy and

work. Some people just want to have fun in college, and this is the time to do it," said Lee Ann Hamilton, health educator and co-author of Sex Talk, a Campus Health-sponsored advice column on relationships and sex.

"College is a time to re-invent yourself and try new things; many people don't want to be tied down," she said.

The time factor involved in nurturing a relationship can often add additional stress to the sometimes overwhelming life of a student.

"Relationships take a lot of time to

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Support grows for tuition hike

Some student leaders back \$1000 increase, saying it is necessary for financial well-being of university

By Jeff Sklar
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A \$1,000 tuition hike for in-state undergraduates coupled with larger increases for graduate students and non-residents could net UA nearly \$30 million a year, according to data from the Arizona Board of Regents.

If the regents approve the \$1,000 increase, along with hikes of \$1,250 for out-of-state undergraduates and in-state graduate students and \$1,500 for out-of-state graduate students, the university would stand to increase its income by \$28 million.

That amount is less than half of the total budget cut UA has sustained in the last two years.

"It's not enough to fix all our problems, but that's not what tuition is supposed to do," said regents' President Jack Jewett.

If the board votes in March to approve those increases, along with a proposed increase in the amount of tuition income set aside for financial aid from 8 percent to 14 percent, an additional \$5.3 million in need-based aid would also become available, regents' data shows.

With the financial aid increase, students receiving federal Pell Grants would not be held responsible if tuition is raised.

In a meeting with four regents Tuesday night, several student leaders said they support an increase of \$1,000 — the number most commonly discussed as a possible in-state undergraduate tuition hike — because it would likely improve UA's financial condition.

"Raising tuition is necessary for the continued survival of the institution," said Associated Students of the

Town Hall

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Athletics department to look into robbery claim

By Aaron Mackey
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The UA athletics department is investigating UA men's basketball team members' involvement in an alleged vending machine theft in a Kansas hotel on Saturday.

Team spokesman Richard Paige confirmed that the department was further investigating the alleged incident, but declined to give specifics.

"Student discipline falls under the same umbrella as academics, and we can't comment on student

privacy issues," Paige said.

According to Lt. David Cobb of the Lawrence Police Department, Stuart Schwartz of Chicago said he witnessed three UA players steal 80 candy bars and almost \$100 from a Lawrence, Kan., Marriott Spring Hill Suites vending machine.

Schwartz told police he knew who the athletes were because he followed college basketball and saw the men wearing Arizona warm-up jackets, Cobb said. He added that Schwartz told police he thought he saw sophomore guard Salim Stoudamire and other players steal the candy and money, and

named senior forward Luke Walton as a "lookout."

"The witness did know the Walton person. He wasn't as sure about the other," Cobb said.

Both athletes denied any involvement in what UA head coach Lute Olson called "hog-wash."

Under Kansas law, the official report from the Lawrence Police Department cannot be released, although Cobb said that no further action would be taken because the hotel declined to press charges.

Olson said Tuesday during his weekly press conference, that the

team's lawyers would be contacting the Marriott Spring Hill Suites in Lawrence, Kan.

In addition to a possible lawsuit, the \$80 restitution UA assistant coaches paid to the hotel following the alleged incident could be a violation of NCAA regulations. Under those rules, college coaches cannot pay for extra athlete benefits. At press time, UA Compliance Director Bill Morgan, as well as the NCAA administrative office, could not be reached.

Michael Moore, the desk attendant who received \$80 from an unidentified Wildcat assistant coach,

said he had not been personally contacted by any UA officials since the alleged incident occurred. Spring Hill Suites Manager Stephanie Bowler refused to comment on the investigation and has fielded all calls regarding the incident.

Athletics Director Jim Livengood has yet to release a statement or comment on the matter.

Rebekah Kleinman and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

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